

# WORLD WIDE PRAYER MEETING

April 19, 2018

Italy & Greece Command

Lieut-Colonels Massimo & Anne-Florence Tursi are Command Leaders & Major David Cavanagh is General Secretary in the Italy & Greece Command of The Salvation Army. Captains Polis Pantelidis and Maria Konti-Galinou, are UK officers tasked with launching the Army's mission in Greece, their home country, in 2011. In Italian, The Salvation Army is known as: "Esercito della Salvezza" & "O Stratos Tis Sotirias" in Greek.

Song: "Mid All the Traffic of the Ways"

(John Oxenham (1852-1941))

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Mid all the traffic of the ways,  
Turmoils without, within,  
Make in my heart a quiet place  
And come and dwell therein:

A little shrine of quietness  
All sacred to thyself,  
Where thou shalt all my soul  
possess  
And I may find myself:

A little place of  
mystic grace,  
Of self and sin swept bare,  
Where I may look  
into thy face  
And talk with thee in prayer.

Come, occupy  
my silent place,  
And make thy dwelling there!  
More grace is wrought  
in quietness  
than any is aware.

### Prayer by Walter Bruggemann: "When the world spins crazy"

When the world spins crazy,  
spins wild and out of control  
spins toward rage and hate and violence,  
spins beyond our wisdom and nearly  
beyond our faith,  
When the world spins to chaos as it does now among us...  
We are glad for sobering roots that provide ballast in the storm.  
So we thank you for our rootage in communities of faith,  
for many fathers and mothers  
who have believed and trusted  
as firm witnesses to us,  
for their many stories of wonder, awe, and healing.  
We are glad this night in this company  
for the rootage of the text,  
for its daring testimony,  
for its deep commands,  
for its exuberant tales.  
Because we know that as we probe deep into this text...  
clear to its bottom,  
we will find you hiding there,  
we will find you showing yourself there,  
speaking as you do,  
governing,  
healing,  
judging.  
And when we meet you hiddenly,  
we find the spin not so unnerving,  
because from you the world again has a chance  
for life and sense and wholeness.  
We pray midst the spinning, not yet unnerved,  
but waiting and watching and listening,  
for you are the truth that contains all our spin.

Amen.

*He giveth more grace  
as our burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength  
as our labours increase,  
To added afflictions  
he addeth his mercy,  
To multiplied trials  
he multiplies peace.  
Chorus:  
His love has no limits,  
his grace has no measure  
His power no boundary  
known unto men;  
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth, and giveth,  
and giveth again.*

*When we have exhausted  
our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed  
ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end  
of our hoarded resources  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.*

*Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)*

At even, ere the sun was set,  
The sick, O Lord, around thee lay;  
O in what divers pains they met!  
O with what joy they went away!

Once more 'tis eventide, and we,  
Oppressed with various ills, draw near;  
What if thy form we cannot see?  
We know and feel that thou art here.

O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel,  
For some are sick and some are sad,  
And some have never loved thee well,  
And some have lost the love they had.

O Saviour Christ, thou too art man;  
Thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried;  
Thy kind but searching glance can scan  
The very wounds that shame would hide.

Thy touch has still its ancient power;  
No word from thee can fruitless fall;  
Hear in this solemn evening hour,  
And in thy mercy heal us all.

Henry Twells (1823-1900)



In the Italy & Greece Command, a small group of 27 active and 18 retired officers engage in the mission of The Salvation Army. In Athens, work with refugees continues to be at the forefront of ministry. Rental of a clothing warehouse, and the opening of a distribution centre helped to meet this great need. In Italy, the refugee centre helped people complete their applications and gain new skills. Many of those helped were able to find work, and start a new life.

Canadian Officers Captains Rachele Lamont & Jean-Curtis Plante & their two young sons live & work in Athens, Greece. They minister as Corps Officers at Athens corps, and in addition, Rachele is the Anti-Trafficking Coordinator and heads up the Green Light Project, which is aimed at getting women from the red light district off the streets. Jean-Curtis's role also includes being the Regional Business and Administration Officer. The Jan. 2018 Salvationist magazine article, "Off the Streets" profiles their important, life-saving work.

For The Italy & Greece Command, please pray...

- For funding for the Green Light Project— they hope to start a drop in centre three times a week, with access to an-site psychologist, medical practitioner, showers, laundry facilities, hot meals and structured activities.
- For stamina, time and resources to build the program.
- For safety as they work in Athen's toughest neighbourhoods.

April 19, 2018 - Cycle of Prayer for the Canada & Bermuda Territory:

- Majors Daniel & Lori Pinksen—Richmond Hill, ON
- Aux. Captains Clarence & Linda Pippy—Northside East Bay, NS
- Majors David & Donna Pitcher (Retired) - St. Catharines, ON

Canada & Bermuda Territorial Prayer Concerns:

Those who are grieving:

Evenden, Major Neil (Merrilee) – Corps Officer, Collingwood Community Church, ON (OCE Division) – Mother

Kerr, Commissioner Joyce (Don) (Rtd) – Toronto, ON – Sister

Millar, Major Rossyln (Leonard) (Rtd) – Penticton, BC – Brother

Perry, Major Eleanor (Rtd) – Nanaimo, BC – Sister-in-law

Health Concerns:

Leach, Lt. Colonel Mary Belle (Rtd) – Brantford, ON

The Lord's Prayer  
Matthew 6:9-13, KJV

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be  
done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.